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JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Palm Beach Gardens Regulatory Office
SAJ-2005-2459 (GP-MAM)

Florida Department of Transportation
c/o. Shandra Davis Sanders
3400 West Commercial Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Dear applicant:

Reference is made to your Department of the Army permit application for the FDOT submarine cable and fender system replacement project. The project has been assigned file number SAJ-2005-2459 (GP-MAM). Please refer to this number in future correspondence. The application has been reviewed and is not sufficient for us to evaluate your proposal. In order for us to review your proposal and circulate a public notice, the information requested below by checked boxes is required:

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR A COMPLETE APPLICATION
AND TO ISSUE A PUBLIC NOTICE

- ☒ Copy of the completed Joint Environmental Resource Permit Application for this project.
- ☒ Names, addresses, and zipcodes of property owners whose property directly adjoins the project. Submittal of a single set of adhesive mailing labels is appreciated.
- ☐ The purpose and need for the proposed activity.
- ☒ The location of the proposed activity. Please include latitude, and longitude (in decimal, if available) of the project.
- ☒ A brief description of all proposed activities (fill, dredging, dock construction, etc.). All activities that are reasonably related to the same project should be submitted together.

- ☐ The type of structures to be erected on the fill-supported platforms.
- ☒ The description of the type, composition, and quantity of fill materials to be discharged.
- ☐ For dredging in navigable waters of the United States, the application must include a description of the type, composition and quantity of the material to be dredged, the method of dredging, and the site and plans for disposal of the dredged material.
- ☐ Legible plan and elevation/cross-section drawings (detailed engineering plans and specifications are not required), on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, showing the general and specific site location and all proposed activities (fill or dredge areas, structures, shoreline stabilization, etc.) Please show both proposed and existing structures and include dimensions for both the structures and the impacted waterway in addition to depth of water in the area.
- ☐ Please provide a copy of all previous DA permits issued for project at this address.
- ☐ Provisions for siting, constructing, monitoring, and managing the artificial reef.
- ☐ List of other certifications or approvals/denials received from other Federal, State, or local agencies for work described in this application.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. While the above information is all that is required to complete the file and issue a Public Notice, a favorable public interest review will not be possible without consideration of all environmental interest factors. Your file does not have sufficient information to allow a favorable public interest review at this time. Therefore, please also respond to the additional requested information below:

**INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THE CORPS TO MAKE A PERMIT DECISION
(NOT REQUIRED TO ISSUE A PUBLIC NOTICE)**

- ☒ The Corps of Engineers (Corps) Policy requires proposed projects be examined for potential impacts to seagrasses and *Halophila johnsonii*, a federally listed species. A

seagrass survey will be needed to determine if seagrasses, including *H. johnsonii*, are within or near the project site; therefore, we are requesting a complete seagrass survey for the project area. It is recommended that the survey area cover a 50' radius around the project site. The survey must show the location, species, aerial percent cover and/or frequency of occurrence. The survey must indicate the date of and persons performing the survey. The survey should be conducted between April 1 and August 31, to accommodate periods of dormancy (or senescence) of certain seagrass species. If seagrasses exist, the dock should be designed and built in accordance with the enclosed "Dock Construction Guidelines," dated August 2001.

- ☒ Please demonstrate measures taken to avoid and minimize aquatic resource impacts.
- ☒ Once avoidance and minimization have been addressed, you will be required to provide in-kind mitigation for any unavoidable impacts to aquatic resources. Please provide a compensatory plan that will outweigh the proposed impacts.

As the application is considered incomplete, no action will be taken on it until the requested information has been received. We request you provide this information within 45 days of the date of this letter. If no response is received by then, we will assume you have no further interest in obtaining a Department of the Army permit and the application will be deactivated.

Any questions concerning this letter should be directed to Miguel Mozdzen of the Palm Beach Gardens Regulatory Office at the letterhead address, by telephone at 561-472-3530, or by email at Miguel.A.Mozdzen@saj02.usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,


Miguel Mozdzen
for Project Manager